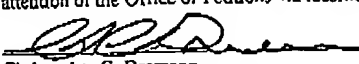


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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/784,610

Patent No.: 6,926,449

Filed: February 23, 2004

Issued: August 9, 2005

For: **CONNECTOR PORT FOR NETWORK
INTERFACE DEVICE**

Group Art Unit: 2883

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**CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324**

Dear Sir:

Applicants and assignor hereby petition the Director to correct the inventorship in the above-identified United States Patent 6,926,449 to add the inventor Stephen G. Bloodworth, who through inadvertent error was not named as an inventor in the above-referenced issued patent.

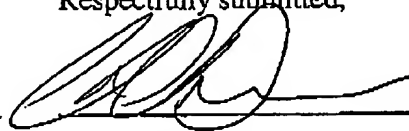
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The error in inventorship arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the inventor who was not named, as evidenced by the statement of Stephen G. Bloodworth submitted herewith. Furthermore, the current named inventors and the assignee agree to the change of inventorship, as evidenced by the statements of John A. Keenum and Brad N. Grunwald, and the statement of the assignee submitted herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b), this Petition is accompanied by:

1. a statement from each person who is being added as an inventor that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on his or her part;
2. a statement from each of the current named inventors agreeing to the change of inventorship;
3. a statement from the sole assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the claimed invention agreeing to the change of inventorship; and
4. the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(b).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), a statement establishing ownership of the patent by the assignee signed by an individual authorized to act on behalf of the assignee is also submitted herewith. In view of the statements and the petition fee submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants and assignee respectfully request the Director to grant this Petition and to correct the inventorship of the patent to add the inventor Stephen G. Bloodworth to the named inventors for the above-referenced issued patent. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee, and any fee due in connection with the filing of this response, to Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: April 27, 2006

**Statement of Inventor Stephen G. Bloodworth
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(1)**

1. I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an inventor not named in issued United States Patent 6,926,449 now being added by the Petition to the Director for correction of inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324 submitted concurrently herewith, and that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

2. I, having first been duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or any registration or issuance resulting therefrom, hereby declare that that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true.

Name: 

Stephen G. Bloodworth

Date: 4-25-06

**Statement of Inventor John A. Keenum
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(2)**

1. I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an inventor currently named in issued United States Patent 6,926,449, and that I agree to the change of inventorship now being requested by the accompanying Petition to the Director for correction of inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324.

2. I, having first been duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or any registration or issuance resulting therefrom, hereby declare that that all statements made herein of my one knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true.

Name: 

John A. Keenum

Date: 4/25/06

**Statement of Inventor Brad N. Grunwald
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(2)**

1. I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am an inventor currently named in issued United States Patent 6,926,449, and that I agree to the change of inventorship now being requested by the accompanying Petition to the Director for correction of inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324.

2. I, having first been duly warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or any registration or issuance resulting therefrom, hereby declare that that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true.

Name: 

Brad N. Grunwald

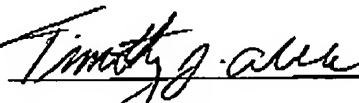
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**Statement of Assignee Corning Cable Systems LLC
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(3)**

1. I, the undersigned, hereby state that I am a person authorized to act on behalf of assignee Corning Cable Systems LLC of the entire right, title and interest in and to issued United States Patent 6,926,449, and that the assignee agrees to the change of inventorship now being requested by the accompanying Petition to the Director for correction of inventorship pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324.

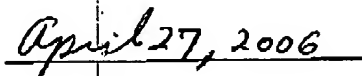
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Name:



Timothy J. Aberle

Date:



Title: Assistant Secretary, Corning Cable Systems LLC

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Keenum et alApplication No./Patent No./Control No.: 6,926,449Filed/Issue Date: August 9, 2006Entitled: CONNECTOR PORT FOR NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICECORNING CABLE SYSTEMS LLCa corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Christopher C. Dremann
Signature

Christopher C. Dremann

Printed or Typed Name

Attorney
Title

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Date

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